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1. FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL TOLD THE CHARGE APRIL 22 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR MADE FURTHER DEMARCHE ON APPLICATION OF NPT TO WEST BERLIN DURING FALIN'S MEETING WITH VAN WELL EARLIER THAT AFTERNOON. FALIN PRESENTED VAN WELL WITH TEXT OF APRIL 18 DEMARCHE MADE TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL BY SOVIET MFA USA DIVISION CHIEF KORNIYENKO. FALIN ADDED ORALLY TO VAN WELL THAT IF GERMAN POSITION IS NOT "CORRECTED," SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD INFORM ALL TREATY PARTNERS BY NOTE THAT NPT EXTENSION TO WEST BERLIN IS INVALID.

2. VAN WELL SAID THE CLAUSE IN QUESTION HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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INSERTED AFTER THOROUGH CONSIDERATION. IN THE VIEW OF

BONN, AND OF THE THREE ALLIED POWERS, SAID VAN WELL, THE CLAUSE WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THERE WERE SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE NPT AND NOT ALL DEALT WITH SECURITY.

3. LIKE KORNIYENKO, FALEN ALSO PROTESTED VIGOROUSLY CONCERNING FRG REFERENCE IN THE NPT LAW'S BERLIN CLAUSE TO "LAND BERLIN." VAN WELL EXPLAINED THAT ARTICLE 23 OF THE GERMAN BASIC LAW WAS BINDING IN TERMS OF FRG INTERNAL LAW. FALIN MADE CLEAR THAT THIS EXPLANATION WAS UNSATISFACTORY. CASH

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